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**ARUNACHAL PRADESH INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
**ITANAGAR.**

**An Appeal Case U/S 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005**  
**Case No. APIC-279/2025.**

**APPELLANT** : Shri Ratan Chetia, Sitpani Moran, Namsai.

**RESPONDENT** : The PIO, o/o the BDO-cum-EAC Lekang Circle,  
Mahadevpur, Namsai District (A.P)

**ORDER**

This is an appeal under Section 19(3) of RTI Act, 2005 received from Shri Ratan Chetia for non-furnishing of below mentioned information by the PIO, o/o the BDO-cum-EAC Lekang Circle, Mahadevpur, Namsai District (A.P) as sought for by him under section 6(1) (Form-A) of RTI Act, 2005 vide his application dated 27.12.2024.

**A) Particular of information:**

- i) Supply and Procurement of CGI sheet against sanction order Nos. 5 (LKG), 6 (LKG), 7 (LKG) and 8 (LKG) dated 01/08/2023.
- ii) Procurement of CGI sheet against sanction order Nos. 201 (LKG), 202 (LKG), 203 (LKG), 204 (LKG) and 205 (LKG) dated 07/02/2024.
- iii) Procurement of CGI against sanction order Nos. 11 (LKG), 12 (LKG), 13 (LKG) and 14 (LKG) dated 03/10/2024.
- iv) Procurement of CGI against sanction order Nos. 20 (LKG), 21 (LKG), 22 (LKG), 23 (LKG) and 24 (LKG) dated 21/10/2024.
- v) Areca nut plantation against sanction order Nos. 15 (LKG), 16 (LKG), 17. (LKG), 18 (LKG) and 19 (LKG) dated 16/10/2024.

**B) Details of information required:**

- i) Names of beneficiaries with their full address as per the sanction orders from SL 2 (b) sub-clause (i) to (v) mentioned above.
- ii) Xerox copy of full page of the issue register/record book with date of received, Quantity issued, size of CGI sheet and areca nut duly signed by beneficiaries from SL 2 (b) subclause (i) to (v) and details of owner/proprietor of M/S Lohit Enterprises and Xerox copy of amount paid via Govt. Cheque no. /Demand Draft No., RTGS/NEFT etc. to M/s Lohit Enterprises from SL 2 (b) sub-clause (i) mentioned above.
- iii) Details of owner/proprietor of Skyline Industries and Xerox copy of amount paid via Govt. Cheque no. /Demand Draft No., RTGS/NEFT etc. to Skyline Industries from SL 2 (b) sub-clause (iii) mentioned above.
- iv) Address of owner/proprietor of M/S BN Enterprises and Xerox copy of amount paid via Govt. Cheque no. /Demand Draft No., RTGS/NEFT etc. to M/S BN Enterprises from SL 2 (b) subclause (v) mentioned above.



- v) Names of beneficiaries with their full address as per the sanction orders from SL.2 (b) sub-clause (v) mentioned above.
- vi) Xerox copy of full page of the issue register/record book with date of received, quantity issued of areca nut seedling and duly signed by Beneficiaries from SL 2 (b) Sub-Clouse (v) and details/ address of owner/proprietor of M/S OGM Tea Company and Xerox copy of amount paid via Govt. Cheque No. / Demand draft No. RTGS/ NEFT etc. to M/S OGM Tea Company against SL 2 (b) Sub-Clouse (v) mentioned above.
- vii) NIT/Advertisement published against all the sanction order mentioned above from SL 2 (b) Sub-Clouse (i) to (v)

**Facts emerging from the appeal:**

Records in the appeal reveal that the appellant had requested the PIO for the aforementioned information but failed to obtain the same within the statutory period of one month which prompted him to file appeal before the First Appellate Authority (FAA), the Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA, Govt. of A.P. Namsai, Dist. under section 19(1) of the RTI Act vide his Memo of Appeal dt. 03.02.2025. But having failed yet again to obtain the information, he preferred his second appeal before this Commission under section 19(3) of the RTI Act vide his Appeal Memo dt. 17.03.2025.

Records further reveal that the First Appellate Authority had conducted the hearing on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 wherein one Shri Chali Simit was present on behalf of the appellant, Shri Ratan Chetia. The FAA, after hearing the PIO and on perusal of the records, disposed of the appeal holding that the PIO had furnished the information sought by the appellate through registered post on 21.01.2025 and with direction to the appellant to contact the concerned post office. The appellant, apparently, did not receive the requested information / documents.

Hence, this appeal before this Commission which has been listed today on 23.07.2025 wherein both the appellant, Shri Ratan Chetia and the PIO, Dr. Tojum Ete, EAC-cum-BOD, Lekang appeared through VC.

**Hearing and decision:**

Heard the parties.

The appellant reiterating his demand for the requested information submitted that despite the order passed by the First Appellate Authority, the ADC-cum-PD, Namsai, he was not provided with the information. The PIO on the other hand contended that the appellant has filled multiple number of RTI application in his office and replies to most of them have been furnished. He also submitted that the replies/documents to this particular RTI application is also ready which the appellant may collect on payment of required cost. The appellant contested by saying that since the requested information/documents have not been furnished to him within the stipulated time of one month, the documents are to be provided free of cost now.

This Commission upon hearing the parties and considering the fact that the PIO failed to provide the requested documents within the time limit specified in sub-section 1 of section 7 of the RTI Act (which is 30 days from the date of receipt of RTI application), the submission of the PIO for payment of the cost of documents by the appellant is not acceptable and as such the PIO has to provide the documents free of cost in terms of sub-section 6 of section 7 of the RTI Act.

The PIO is, therefore, directed to provide the requested documents which are ready, as submitted by him during the course of hearing, within 1 (one) week from the date of receipt of this order and the appellant shall, within one week thereafter, intimate to this Commission of the receipt of the same and his satisfaction therewith failing which, it is made clear, that this appeal shall stand disposed of and closed without further order.

Given under my hand and seal of this Commission on this 23th July, 2025.

Sd/-  
(S. TSERING BAPPU)  
State Information Commissioner,  
APIC, Itanagar.

Memo No. APIC- 279/2025 / 525 Dated Itanagar, the 24 July, 2025

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1. The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Govt. of A.P, Namsai, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) for information and ensuring compliance by the PIO.
2. The Director(RD), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for information.
3. The PIO, o/o the BDO-cum-EAC Lekang Circle, Mahadevpur, Namsai District (A.P) PIN: 792103 for information and compliance..
4. Shri Ratan Chetia, village Sitpani Moran. PO/PS Mahadevpur, Namsai PIN: 792105 Mobile No. 7063965456 for information.
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